

MOOREBANK – HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
Genesis 1:26 – 2:3

1. What does it mean to be human? What is the impact of discussing what it means to be human without reference to God?
2. Read 1:26. To be human is to be made in the image of God, after his likeness. How does this help us understand God's intolerance of being represented by other images (Exodus 20:4-6; Jeremiah 10:1-6)?
3. How does humanity being made in the image of God protect people against – racism, sexism, misogyny, abortion, cloning, capitalism, ageism, (...)? Can you think of examples where the concept of the image of God has weakened? What has resulted?
4. What does it mean for Jesus Christ to be the image of God (Col 1:15; 2 Cor 4:4)? How is our salvation described in Romans 8:29 and 1 Corinthians 15:49?
5. Read 1:27. '...male and female he created them'. Sexuality is part of God's good creation. Yet, rather than being created and given by God, many consider sexuality and gender as being self determined. How does Genesis speak to this?
6. What follows immediately after humanity being made 'in our image, after our likeness'? How does this dominion (rule) help us to understand what it means to be in the image of God?
7. Read v28. What tasks does God give to people? How have people often misunderstood what it means to 'subdue' the earth and exercise dominion?
8. We are creatures along with the rest of creation. How should this truth impact the way that Christians exercise dominion over creation today?
9. Read 1:27. '...male and female he created them'. Relationship is part of what constitutes being made in God's image? Who in our church family are relationally isolated? What can we do about this? What about in the wider community?